

# MINUTES

## State Board of Education Meeting

### Date

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

### Time

1:00 p.m. State Board Regular Meeting

### Location

Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina

***E. Tim Moore, Jr., Esq., Chair***  
***Gerrita Postlewait, Chair-elect***  
***Jim Rex, PhD***

***State Superintendent of Education***  
***Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

*SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.*

## **I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The State Board of Education (SBE) convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Moore called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Color Guard from Lancaster High School Army JROTC, led by Senior Army Instructor Major Tyrone Johnson, presented the colors.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: Tim Moore, Esq., Chair, Second Judicial Circuit; Gerrita Postlewait, PhD, Chair-Elect, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Bonnie Disney, Third Judicial Circuit; Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Rose Sheheen, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Josie Gaston, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Marilyn (Lyn) Norton, EdD, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Phillip Bowers, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Dennis Thompson, Jr., Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Britt Blackwell, OD, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies were David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit, and Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Jim Rex, PhD, State Superintendent of Education; Janice Poda, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Administration; Sandy Smith, Deputy Superintendent, Policy and Legislation; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Barbara Drayton,

Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Karla Hawkins, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Betsy Carpentier, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Support; Valerie Harrison, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning; Teri Siskind, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership; and Cindy Clark, Recording Secretary.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2010**

Chair Moore asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE minutes for October 13, 2010. Gerrita Postlewait moved to approve the minutes and Michael Blue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 8, 2010**

Chair Moore asked for a motion to approve or amend the SBE agenda for December 8, 2010. Phillip Bowers moved to approve the agenda and Dennis Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Moore welcomed all visitors including those from Anderson School District One; Anderson School District Three; Berkeley County School District; Charleston County School District; Cherokee County School District; Clarendon School District Two; The School District of Greenville County; Lancaster County School District; School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties; and Spartanburg County School District Six; Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA); Coker College; Erskine College; IF Foundation; McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.; Palmetto Institute; Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA); Pearson; South Carolina Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (SCACTE); South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators (SCATE); South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE); South Carolina Education Association (SCEA); South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA); South Carolina School Improvement Council (SCSIC); Teach for America (TFA); USC College of Education; and State Superintendent of Education-elect, Dr. Mick Zais. There was no news media present.

**V. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING STATE BOARD MEMBERS**

Chair Moore stated that five members are rotating off the Board as of December 31, 2010, and expressed his appreciation for their years of service. The retiring Board members are Hampton Hubbard, Fourth Judicial

Circuit; Libby Swad, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Cindy Clark, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Amelia Herlong, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; and Britt Blackwell, OD, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. They were each presented with a certificate for their service on the State Board of Education.

Dr. Rex said that the retiring members are part of his "graduating class" since they began serving on the Board the year he was elected State Superintendent of Education. He said these Board members have many reasons to be proud of their accomplishments. During the last four years, they have seen improvements in the EAA, flexibility and expanded choice, the creation of Palmetto Priority schools, higher test scores and school performance—all in the face of the worst recession and government and legislative apathy. He commented on each of the retiring members' individual contributions to public education while serving on the Board, and thanked them for their service. Ms. Clark was not in attendance, but Dr. Rex also acknowledged her efforts on behalf of South Carolina's children.

Chair Moore added that one of the pleasures of serving on the Board is the opportunity to work and interact with people around the state. Although a diverse group, the retiring members, and all Board members, bring a tremendous intellect to the Board's decision-making process to make the schools in South Carolina better. He also congratulated and thanked Dr. Rex for his service as State Superintendent of Education.

## **VI. ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT FOR 2011**

Chair Moore thanked Michael Blue and Marilyn (Lyn) Norton for serving on the Nominating Committee, and Amelia Herlong for serving as Chair. He then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Herlong.

Mrs. Herlong stated that their nomination for Chair-elect is Dennis Thompson. Chair Moore then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Chair Moore called for a vote to accept the nomination of Dennis Thompson as the Chair-elect for 2011. The motion carried.

Chair Moore thanked Mr. Thompson for serving as Chair of the Educator Certification Cases Committee for the past year. He said Mr. Thompson has exhibited great leadership and judgment in that capacity and knows he will do the same as the Chair-elect. Chair Moore congratulated Mr. Thompson on his new duties as Chair-elect for 2011.

## **VII. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **RECOGNITIONS**

State Superintendent of Education Rex congratulated new Chair-elect Thompson and new Chair Postlewait. He thanked both of them for their

willingness to serve. He welcomed Dr. Zais to today's SBE meeting, and thanked him for being here.

Dr. Rex recognized the winners of the 2010 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) Arne Duncan. The USED says that schools chosen as National Blue Ribbon recipients are models of excellence that other schools can emulate. Winners are either academically superior or demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. The National Blue Ribbon Program's goals are consistent with the goals of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Nominated South Carolina schools had to meet one of two criteria: (1) have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds, or (2) show dramatic improvement to high levels in English language arts and mathematics test scores.

Powdersville Elementary and the Howe Hall Magnet School met the first criterion, while the other winners met the second. All five South Carolina schools not only met the basic criteria but also scored higher against those criteria than other South Carolina schools. All nominees had to have made adequate yearly progress (AYP) under NCLB for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years and also had to make AYP for the 2009-10 school year to be eligible for recognition. The official award ceremonies took place last month in Washington, where about 300 national winners received Blue Ribbon School flags and engraved plaques as symbols of their success.

The five South Carolina schools chosen as winners are as follows:

- ❖ Powdersville Elementary School  
(Greenville, Anderson School District One)
- ❖ Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School  
(Goose Creek, Berkeley County School District)
- ❖ Ballentine Elementary  
(Irmo, School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties)
- ❖ Greenville Technical Charter High School  
(Greenville, The School District of Greenville County)
- ❖ Charles Pinckney Elementary School  
(Mt. Pleasant, Charleston County School District)

Also recognized by Dr. Rex were the winners of the Promising Practices Awards sponsored by the Character Education Partnership (CEP) headquartered in Washington, DC. "Promising Practices" is part of the organization's National Schools of Character (NSC) recognition program. According to NSC program officials, winning practices include new and effective ways to help students solve conflicts, decrease bullying and take action in their schools and communities, as well as programs to increase parent and community involvement. Two South Carolina public schools and

one school district are among the 230 recipients of this award. They are as follows:

- B.D. Lee Elementary School  
(Gaffney, Cherokee County School District)
- Spartanburg County School District Six  
(Roebuck)

Spartanburg County School District Six was cited for Dorman High School's character education efforts. The school has won the Promising Practice Award from the CEP for three consecutive years. Three educators are primarily responsible for this recognition and the following programs:

- ❖ Student-Athletes Think Reading is Special (STARS)  
Guidance Counselor: Michael Lancaster
- ❖ Operation Fairytale  
Guidance Counselor: Tonya Fullenwider
- ❖ Amigos Positivos  
Guidance Counselor: Katie Zeiler
- Indian Land Middle School  
(Indian Land, Lancaster County School District)

Dr. Rex recognized Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts, the winner of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts National School of Distinction in Arts Education Award. The Kennedy Center honors are given annually to schools that have made the arts an essential part of their students' education. Winners are chosen from schools nominated by their State Alliance for Arts Education. The award is based on the ways in which arts education is an essential component of the school curriculum; how the school creates and uses imaginative learning environments for teaching and learning in, through, and about the arts; how the school's arts program provides opportunities for parental involvement; and how the program provides opportunities for learning about other cultures.

State Superintendent of Education Rex recognized two Anderson School District Three School Bus Drivers, Delores Adams and Kathy Nicholas, for their heroic efforts in helping save the life of Fred Bench whose 4-year-old granddaughter rode their school bus.

Additionally, Dr. Rex recognized Sergeant Cherry McLeod who will have the honor of becoming the first female African-American to obtain the rank of Lieutenant with the South Carolina State Highway Patrol.

Sgt. McLeod was inspired to become a State Trooper after hearing a trooper speak to her senior high school class about highway safety issues. She joined the Highway Patrol in August 1991 with her first duty assignment in Florence County. She later worked in Sumter County. In September 2000, Sgt.

McLeod transferred to the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Transportation as Assistant Safety Coordinator to Captain George Blackwell.

During her tenure with the SC Highway Patrol Sgt. McLeod has been promoted to the ranks of Corporal, April 2002; Sergeant, January 2004; and most recently to the rank of Lieutenant, effective December 17, 2010.

Dr. Rex also recognized Dr. Theresa G. Siskind, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability, SCDE, who will retire this month after many years of serving in the field of education. In her current position, Teri supervises the offices of Assessment, Data Management and Analysis, Federal and State Accountability, and Regional Services. Dr. Rex said he is grateful for her leadership and her ability to work collaboratively with a broad spectrum of people on the local, state, and national levels. He thanked her for her valuable contribution as a key staff member while at the SCDE and wished her well on her upcoming retirement.

Congratulations were extended to Dr. Janice H. Poda, by Dr. Rex, on her new position as part of the leadership team of the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, DC. She will serve as the Strategic Initiative Director for the Education Workforce and will begin her new job duties in January 2011. He said this is the nation's gain, but South Carolina's loss. In her current position, Janice serves as the Deputy Superintendent for Administration. Dr. Rex said he has relied on Janice's recommendations on internal procedures to increase agency efficiency and effectiveness in his efforts to improve and reform South Carolina's public education system. He considers her the "WD-40" of the Department of Education. Dr. Rex expressed his appreciation to her for serving as his senior advisor for the past four years and for all she has done to help ensure that the children of South Carolina have the best public education options possible.

## REPORT

Dr. Rex commented that right after he was elected State Superintendent of Education, a journalist asked him what his forecast was for the future. He told the reporter that his prediction was "cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms." Dr. Rex said the future is never clear, as he didn't see the worst recession in a lifetime coming.

Dr. Rex said he and Superintendent-elect Zais have had a number of meetings and that a very constructive transition is under way. He is anticipating the very best for Dr. Zais and members of the Board. Dr. Rex is proud of what the SCDE and the Board have accomplished.

Chair Moore recognized Dr. Rex's accomplishments in taking on the role of a small state with limited resources and big challenges. Chair Moore added that Dr. Rex has offered school choice, improved accountability, and implemented the successful Palmetto Priority Schools program. He said we have the roadmap, and we need to get the legislature to make public

education a priority in South Carolina. Chair Moore stated that if we can do that under Dr. Zais' leadership, we can continue moving forward.

After the recognitions and report presentation, Chair Moore called for a five-minute recess.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people spoke concerning Teach for America (TFA), an alternative teacher certification path for TFA corps members:

- ❖ Gayle Sawyer, Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA);
- ❖ Ed Dickey, USC College of Education;
- ❖ Kathy Maness, Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA);
- ❖ Dale Smith, PSTA-Erskine College;
- ❖ Christina Grant, TFA;
- ❖ Sam Clowney, TFA;
- ❖ Josh Bell, TFA;
- ❖ Susie Shannon, Palmetto Institute;
- ❖ Susan Henderson, Coker College;
- ❖ Jeff Priest and Kelly Maquire, South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators (SCATE)/South Carolina Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; and
- ❖ Joanie Lawson, South Carolina Education Association (SCEA).

John Tindal, Superintendent, Clarendon School District Two, spoke to acknowledge Dr. Rex's service as Superintendent.

Derrick James, Assistant Principal in Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three, commented about a public reprimand issued to him in 2005 concerning his educator's certificate.

## **IX. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

### **EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

***Committee Goal:*** Conduct a pilot for a value-added process to link (a) student achievement to individual teachers, (b) school effectiveness to principal performance, and (c) performance of graduates to their South Carolina educator preparation unit (including alternative programs) for the purposes of improving the effectiveness of these programs and increasing student achievement.

**Committee Report**—Amelia Herlong, Chair

Mrs. Herlong reported that the Education Professions Committee met Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 9:05 a.m., in Rutledge Room 1000.

Mrs. Herlong provided the Board with an overview of the Committee meeting and stated there were five items for approval and one item for information as follows:

**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. State Board of Education Teach for America Guidelines (First Reading)**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Mrs. Herlong moved, on behalf of the EP Committee, that the Board approve the State Board of Education Teach for America Guidelines for first reading. She stated that the motion would be presented in two parts. Chair Moore asked if there were questions.

Michael Blue asked if there is a way to stipulate that the number of TFA elementary education teachers hired would be limited. Chair Moore said that there has been much discussion in this area and a compromise was determined to be 30 percent. Dr. Jacques stated that the guidelines stipulate that the number of TFA early childhood and elementary education teachers employed in South Carolina may not exceed 30 percent of the total number of TFA teachers employed in the state during a given academic year.

Chair-elect Postlewait asked if second reading could be waived. Mrs. Herlong said this would be addressed as the second part of the motion. Phillip Bowers shared information from a handout given at the EP Committee meeting. He said several schools have a very high teacher turnover rate and that this portion of the guidelines will limit superintendents from hiring TFA teachers that are needed. He added that since this is grant money, it is not costing the state anything to fill these jobs.

Phillip Bowers moved to amend the motion to delete the 30 percent requirement and give that flexibility to the local superintendents to fill as many jobs as they would like with TFA teachers in any subject area in which they need assistance. The motion was seconded. A discussion regarding how the percentage was established followed.

Chair Moore asked for any new discussion on the motion to amend. Hearing none, he summarized the amendment which is to eliminate the cap of 30 percent of the TFA candidates being assigned to early childhood and elementary schools as an unlimited number or to retain the 30 percent cap in order to have some teachers in elementary, some in middle, and some in secondary schools. Chair Moore added that there is a waiver

which states that if one of the schools needs an extra elementary teacher and can't find one, they can request an extra teacher by informing Mr. Bounds or the Board.

Chair Moore called for a vote to amend the motion to eliminate the cap of 30 percent. The amendment to eliminate the cap of 30 percent was defeated, and the motion did not carry.

Chair Moore called for a vote to adopt the guidelines as stated in the original motion. The motion carried.

Second Motion: Chair Moore stated there is a motion on the floor to waive the second reading and to proceed with the TFA program under the guidelines discussed today.

Mrs. Herlong asked if TFA can certify teachers in North Carolina and if it would eliminate teachers applying in South Carolina. Ms. Grant said this would not eliminate teachers in South Carolina—the North Carolina and South Carolina teachers have to go through the same certification process.

Chair Moore called for a vote to waive the second reading and to proceed with the TFA program. The motion carried.

- 02. Adopt Passing Scores for New Praxis Examinations in Physical Education, Social Studies, Elementary Education, Technology Education, and English**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Mrs. Herlong moved, on behalf of the EP Committee, that the Board Adopt Passing Scores for New Praxis Examinations in Physical Education, Social Studies, Elementary Education, Technology Education, and English. Chair Moore called for a vote and the item was approved unanimously.

- 03. Identification of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2011–12 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**—Falicia Harvey, PhD, Education Associate, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Mrs. Herlong moved, on behalf of the EP Committee, that the Board approve the Identification of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2011–12 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program. Chair Moore called for a vote and the item was approved unanimously.

- 04. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Accreditation of the Educator Preparation Unit at the**

**University of South Carolina—Beaufort**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Mrs. Herlong moved, on behalf of the EP Committee, that the Board approve the Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Accreditation of the Educator Preparation Unit at the University of South Carolina—Beaufort. Chair Moore called for a vote and the item was approved unanimously.

- 05. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for a New Educator Preparation Program in South Carolina**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Mrs. Herlong moved, on behalf of the EP Committee, that the Board approve the Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for a New Educator Preparation Program in South Carolina at the College of Charleston and The Citadel. Mrs. Herlong said it is commendable that the College of Charleston and The Citadel plan to work together on this effort. Chair Moore called for a vote and the item was approved unanimously.

### **FOR INFORMATION**

- 06. Program Voluntarily Terminated by an Institution of Higher Education**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Preparation, Support, and Assessment, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership

Mrs. Herlong reported that Coastal Carolina voluntarily terminated their Master of Education in Secondary Education program due to low enrollment and the addition of new Master of Education programs at the institution.

## **IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE**

***Committee Goal:*** SCDE staff confer with leaders of eligible districts/schools to identify innovations that could improve student achievement and performance and recommend such waivers in accordance with pertinent statutes and regulations.

**Committee Report**—Britt Blackwell, OD, Chair

Dr. Blackwell reported that the Innovation and Finance (IF) Committee did not meet due to lack of a quorum. He moved that, due to the lack of a quorum and the timeframe, the Board suspend the rules to permit the full Board to take up two action items. Libby Swad seconded. The

motion carried. The two items for approval and one item for information are as follows:

**For Approval**

- 01. Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Chester County School District**—John Kent, Interim Director, Office of Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support

John Kent presented this item. Dr. Blackwell moved that the Board approve the Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Chester County School District. Phillip Bowers seconded. The motion carried.

- 02. Statewide Capital Needs Report, “Public School Capital Needs 2010–11–2014–15”**—John Kent, Interim Director, Office of Facilities, Division of Innovation and Support

John Kent presented this item, and Dr. Blackwell moved that the Board approve the Statewide Capital Needs Report, “Public School Capital Needs 2010–11 through 2014–15.” Dru James seconded. The motion carried.

**For Information**

- 03. Instructional Materials Allocation Methodology 2010–11 School Year**—Bruce Shealy, Textbooks Manager, Office of Finance, Division of Finance and Operations

Bruce Shealy presented this item for information.

**SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

***Committee Goals:***

*The SBE will ensure that the Common Core Standards maintain South Carolina’s rigorous expectations for student learning and, if so, adopt a development and implementation plan for Common Core Standards, aligned curriculum resources, formative/summative assessments, and professional development.*

*The SBE will implement the Connect the Dots recognition for SC Department of Education staff members receiving national and state distinctions for their efforts to provide quality educational experiences for South Carolina students.*

**Committee Report**—Cindy Clark, Chair

Chair-elect Postlewait reported on behalf of Cindy Clark who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Postlewait said that the Standards

and Learning (SLA) Committee met Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Rutledge Conference Center. She provided the Board with an overview of the Committee meeting and stated there were two items for approval and one item for information as follows:

**For Approval**

01. **Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Office of Standards and Support, Division of Standards and Learning
02. **Instructional Materials Report from the 2010 Instructional Materials Review Panels**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Office of Standards and Support, Division of Standards and Learning

Dr. Postlewait moved, on behalf of the SLA Committee, that the Board approve the recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee and the Instructional Materials Report from the 2010 Instructional Materials Review Panels. Chair Moore called for a vote and the items were approved unanimously.

**For Information**

03. **Update on Common Core State Standards Initiative**—Valerie Harrison, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Standards and Learning

Dr. Postlewait stated that the Update on Common Core State Standards Initiative had been sent previously to the Board members. Instead of a full presentation by Dr. Harrison today, Dr. Postlewait recommended that any questions be directed to Dr. Harrison after the meeting.

Dennis Thompson asked if a full study is being continued regarding students using Kindles or iPads to reduce the cost of textbooks. He also asked if the study would address parental complaints concerning students experiencing backaches due to wearing backpacks. Dr. Harrison said that the study is being done, and there are additional classroom pilots going in some of the high schools. Teachers are being trained on how to make sure the students are using small laptops and iPads as planned. Dr. Harrison added that last year the SCDE looked at the cost of getting funds to high schools for the transition to digital. The districts that have the funds to do so are moving ahead. Mr. Thompson added that this is a very important issue and looks forward to hearing more about the pilot program results.

Mr. Bowers asked how we can make sure that digital textbooks are aligned with our standards. Also, he would like to know

more about the pilot group and the progress we are making. He asked for a list of high schools participating in the pilot programs, and Dr. Harrison said she will send a list to him. She said that the regulation on textbook and instructional materials adoption will be reviewed to be sure it aligns with our standards.

## **PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE**

**Committee Goal:** *Devise effective means to broadly share information about the progress being made to transform the education system in the state.*

**Committee Report**—Tim Moore, Esq., Chair

Chair Moore reported that the Policy and Legislative Committee met Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 10:45 a.m. in the Rutledge Conference Center. Chair Moore provided the Board with an overview of the Committee meeting and stated there were three items for approval as follows:

### **FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Request from Spartanburg School District 6 (District) to Allow a Board Member to Attend the February 24, 2011, New Board Member Training**—Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

Chair Moore moved, on behalf of the PL Committee, that the Board approve the request from Spartanburg School District 6 (District) to allow a Board member to attend the February 24, 2011, New Board Member Training. He called for a vote and the item was approved unanimously.

- 02. Promulgation of Emergency Amendment to State Board of Education Regulation 43-234, Defined Program, Grades 9-12**—Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

Shelly Kelly explained that the purpose of the Promulgation of Emergency Amendment to State Board of Education Regulation 43-234, Defined Program, Grades 9-12 is to assist students who are ready to graduate this year and will apply to this year's graduating class only. This emergency regulation is needed to clarify the graduation requirements with regard to science.

Mrs. Kelly requested that the Committee approve this emergency regulation. She would also submit to the Committee, based upon their wishes, a permanent regulation change that would go into effect next year. She stated that, upon passing this regulation, it would go in the *State Register* on December

24, 2010. It will be in effect for 90 days. After that, she will have to submit another emergency regulation to the Committee to be renewed for another additional 90-day term, which will last through the school term.

This item was approved by Committee. Chair Moore called for a vote on the adoption of the emergency regulation, and the item was approved unanimously.

**03. Promulgation of New Regulation 43-169, Food Service Management Company Contracts (First Reading)—**Todd Bedenbaugh, Director, Office of Health and Nutrition, Division of Innovation and Support

Chair Moore moved, on behalf of the PL Committee, that the Board approve the Promulgation of New Regulation 43-169, Food Service Management Company Contracts for first reading. He called for a vote and the item was approved unanimously.

Chair Moore thanked the Board for the cooperation and support the Board has given him during his time as Chair and stated that he knows they will do the same for incoming Chair Postlewait.

Chair-elect Postlewait informed the Board that after she has an opportunity to meet with Dr. Zais and key staff to determine whether we need all the committees that we currently have, committee assignment options will be given to the Board members so they will have the opportunity to indicate their preference.

Chair-elect Postlewait thanked Chair Moore, on behalf of the Board, for his exemplary leadership. She said that he and Dr. Rex set an example of teamwork that all Board members are part of and can be proud of. She noted that the transparency that Chair Moore brought to the process of discussions built a high level of trust despite some very key differences in ideologies. She also recognized his ability to deal with problems and to always look at the positives. She presented him with a plaque, from the Board, for serving as Chair of the State Board of Education.

Chair Moore said he appreciates the opportunity to continue serving on the Board, and looks forward to serving under Dr. Postlewait's leadership next year.

<b>X. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 4:15 p.m.